

### The Rosary Catholic Primary School

Jesus Christ, Son of Mary, Son of God is the centre of the Rosary community where we live, love and learn together.



## Catholic Life - May the month of Mary

All around we are seeing signs of Spring and new life and it fills us each with hope and gladness after the long winter. We are also, in this month of May celebrating and dedicating our prayers to Our Blessed Lady. The Blessed Virgin Mary is the Mother of the Church and an example to all of how to live as a servant of God and man. Mary embraced God's will completely - when asked to be the mother of Jesus she agreed without hesitation. She was the first and most perfect disciple, the first to hear the good news and to follow Christ. Mary is not only the mother of Jesus but also of each of us and she is the most perfect example of motherhood.

Mary, Queen of Heaven we ask that you pray for each of us





Jesus said to his disciples, "Those who love me will listen to my words and keep them, and my Father will love them, and we shall come to them and make our home with them. Those who do not love me do not keep my words. And my word is not my own: it is the word of the Father who sent me. I have said these things to you while still with you; but the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all the things I have said to you. Peace I leave to you, my own peace I give to you, a peace the world cannot give, this is my gift to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid. I am going away, and shall return. I am going to the Father.".

In the Gospel we consider the gift of peace given to each of us by God. In a world troubled by war and conflict, we pray for the gift of peace, for support and comfort for those who suffer, and for the grace for all of us to be witnesses to the truth of peace.

"Let us pray for peace in our hearts."

Pope Francis.

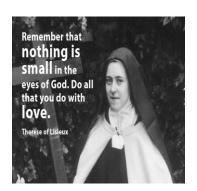


As a school we are committed to living simply by answering the call for us to care for our common home and stand in solidarity with our sisters and brothers around the world.

During Lent we considering our vocation of solidarity with the poor and together raised £1400 for charity. This money has been used to support local charities including Fr Hudson's in their work with the vulnerable in Birmingham as well as the work of CAFOD abroad. Through the work of CAFOD, the children have nominated to buy chickens, goats and to support children with their reading. A massive thank you for your generosity.

During the Summer term we will continue to collect cans that will be recycled and the money raised, used to support local food banks. If you have any cans please don't throw them away, bring them into school and put in the trolley at the front of the school. Miss Liebig has kindly agreed to bring the cans to the collection point each week.

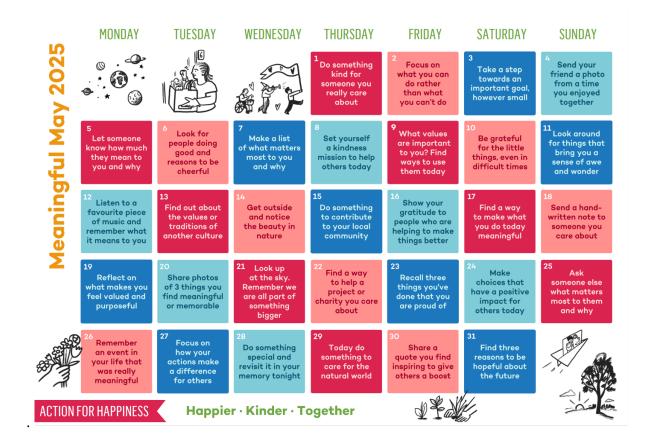
We will once again be collecting pre-loved uniform, that will be available for families at the end of term and the beginning of the new academic year. If you have any items of uniform that is in good condition, please bring to the school office. This can include coats, pumps and trainers.



#### RE Challenge

During May we continue to think about how we can share kindness and make a difference in the world. As part of our Super Kind award during the Jubilee Year of Hope, we have now collected a whooping 748 badges with 95 badges collected in May alone. Have a look at the calendar and see how we can continue to share kindness in our communities and make a difference.

We are also looking towards June when we will celebrate Refugee Week and think about how we can welcome the stranger and celebrate the contribution they can make to our society.



Pope Leo XIV



As a community of faith, we were all saddened by the death of Pope Francis but are delighted with the election of Pope Leo XIV. The election saw Cardinals from every corner of the world voting, reflected the global Church, one which walks alongside vulnerable communities everywhere.

Pope Leo XIV will be a voice of wisdom in a fractured and divided world, as he continues the important work of leading the Church and providing spiritual and moral guidance to the global community.

Please keep Pope Leo XIV in your prayers for his work with the Church and in the world encouraging leaders to come together for the common good, so that people everywhere – including the most vulnerable and those on the margins of society – are able to flourish.



The Rosary is proud to be recognised as a Rights Respecting School, as we work together to understand what it means for every child in our communities to enjoy their rights.

During May, we reflect on Mental Health Awareness week when we consider mental health and consider how we can each look after our own mental health through understanding and managing our emotions and talking about how we feel. It is also important to consider screen time and activities that will help us to relax such as exercise or time with family and friends.

Take time this week to consider our own mental health and the steps we can take to make sure we have positive mental health.



Article 24 (health, water, food, environment) - Every child has the right to the best possible health. Governments must provide good quality health care, clean water, nutritious food, and a clean environment and education on health and well-being so that children can stay healthy. Richer countries must help poorer countries achieve this.

#### Letters

We are more than happy to provide letters for parents to confirm attendance at school, but we are unable to produce straight away. There is a waiting time of up to 1 week. Please contact the office with details of the information required and the name of the agency and person requiring the information. Letters will be sent directly to the agency requiring them.

#### Aston Church Road closure, Washwood Heath, Birmingham- HS2 works

Aston Church Road Closure which will start from Saturday 5 October 2024 lasting approximately 14 months. This closure is to accommodate the arrival of HS2 in the area. These works include the demolition and reconstruction of Aston Church Road overbridge to carry the high speed train across the dual carriageway.

Information about the road closure can be accessed by clicking the link below:

Aston Church Road toolkit - English

Aston Church Road toolkit - Urdu

During the closure:

Aston Church Road will be closed in both directions to motorised traffic and a fully signed diversion will be in place. Access for pedestrians and cyclists will remain in place for the duration of the works. Bus services will not be diverted but may experience some delays. More information can be found at <a href="https://www.tfwm.org.uk/Washwood">//www.tfwm.org.uk/Washwood</a> Heath If you have any questions or need further assistance in sharing this information, please don't hesitate to contact us at behaviourchangehub@tfwm.org.uk. We're here to support you every step of the way.

#### Car Parking

Thank you to the parents who are using the mosque car park and walking the short distance to school. However we have parents who continue to park illegally, park on the pavement and allow children to get out at the crossing. Can I please ask that you consider all our families when you park, it is extremely difficult and dangerous for families to walk safely on the pavement at times. We have been in contact with the community police and have requested that traffic enforcers patrol the area at the start and end of the day. The safety of all members of our school community is our first priority.



As a school we believe in the importance of attendance and work closely with Birmingham LA and parents to ensure that all children are in school every day. Research has shown that absence disrupts the education of the individual pupil and the whole class. Children who do not attend regularly:

- do not achieve well in exams
- find it difficult to maintain friendships
- are more likely to become involved in crime
- miss out on opportunities in further education and the world of work?

#### April Attendance

Year 6C	96%	Year 6D	92%
Year 5D	91%	Year 5K	90%
Year 40	92%	Year 4P	93%
Year 3M	91%	Year 35	92%
Year 2L	98%	Year 25	93%
Year 1H	93%	Year 1R	93%
Rec C	88%	Rec P	87%
Nur	89%	Total	92%

Our attendance declined again during April so I would ask that over the coming weeks we make a real effort to get to school every day.

We have recently had a number of families contact us about leave in term time. As you already know a 2013 amendment to The Education (Pupil Registration) Regulations 2006, means that Head Teachers may no longer authorise leave during term time except where the circumstances are exceptional. This is in accordance with Birmingham Local Authority's 'Leave in Term Time Guidance.' If families choose to take leave in term time they may be subject to legal procedures.

A letter has been sent out explaining attendance procedures and I would ask that you read it carefully and consider the implications if you chose to take children out of school during term time. We are aware that families have been fined by Birmingham LA and this can be a significant amount of money and we do not want to see our families in this situation. Birmingham has informed us that they have issued a fine of over £1400 to a family for taking children out of school for a holiday.

This afternoon we were able to celebrate attendance with the children who have been in school every day on time, having the opportunity to take part in a range of activities. If your child wasn't able to take part this time, there will be another opportunity next half term. Please ensure your child is in school on time every day.

# E -Safety Top Tips from Mr Yasir

Each week Mr Yasir will be sharing top tips for staying safe online. This week we are looking at mobile phones; when is the right time to get them and how can we ensure they are used safely.



During this week we have been considering mental health and thinking about how we can better manage our own mental health. Research shows that managing time on devices and screens can contribute to more positive mental health. Parents often seek advice on how best to manage screen time for their children. Please see some guidance on screen time for children.

#### What is screen time?

Any time spent interacting with a screen-based device such as TV, smartphone, tablet, games console, computer, laptop, etc.

#### Screen time can impact:

- Learning
- Language and communication
- Attention and social skills

#### What are the risks of too much screen time?

- Less time for direct interactions between you and your child
- Less time for real life learning (e.g. sharing books and play)
- A TV always on in the background can disrupt very young children's play
- TV moves very quickly real life has a slower pace which helps children develop their concentration skills. Watching a lot of TV at a young age has been linked to concentration difficulties later in childhood
- Impacts on development in the part of the brain which controls:
  - o behaviour
  - o judgement
  - o attention and concentration
- Delays in speech and language and social skills development
- Irregular sleep routines
- Increased chance of childhood excessive weight gain due to reduced physical activity

#### Ideas for safe screen time

It can be difficult to eliminate screen time completely, but here are some tips:

- Set rules e.g. time limits, screen free days. Ensure there are clear limits with young children. Most little children prefer time with their parents, playing, exploring and doing physical activities
- Supervise and share screen time sit and talk to your child about what they are watching to help them learn and understand. Choose things that you and your child can watch or play together
- Turn off background TV/devices these can distract children and impact on listening skills even if the sound is low
- Avoid screens before bedtime and try not to use them as a way of settling your child. Read a book together or engage in storytelling instead.
- Set an example and limit your own social screen time
- Turn off screens during family meals and when out and about spending family time together
- Discuss screens for school work and social media use minimise personal screentime use with healthy boundaries for older children
- Teach children about online privacy and safety
- Learn about and use parental controls

The World Health Organisation (WHO) professional network recommendations for screen time are:

For children less than 2 years old - no screen time
For children 2 to 4 years - up to 1 hour of screen time per day

For older children - limit non educational screen time and encourage healthy habits

#### School Uniform

As a school we are committed to best value and are continually looking at how we can keep costs low for families. We subsidised uniform for a considerable period, absorbing the increased costs but have now had to increase the price of uniform. The new prices are detailed below. Please remember we do keep stocks of nearly new uniform for a nominal cost of £1.00 for each item.

Description	Current Price	January 2025 Price
Sweatshirt Crew neck Acrylic	£9.00	£10.25
Cardigan Acrylic Mix	£10.00	£11.25
Primary Backpack	£10.00	£11.00
PE T-Shirt	£4.95	£5.50

#### Times Tables Rock Stars

Well done to all the children who are taking part in our Times Table Rock Stars competition. A special mention to 4P with 90% of pupils playing during the last month.

Times Table Rockstars is a great app to use with the children as they learn their times tables in a fun and interactive way.

Every week we will celebrate the children who are successful - it may be that they are in the top 10 scorers, it may be most improved, it may be for certificates achieved.

If you need any further details please speak to your child's teacher.

Top Ten Scorers

1	Skip Volt	6C
2	Jazzy Keeling	6 <i>C</i>
3	Johhnie J Hendrix	6D
4	Strike Sulton	6C
5	Jojo Jean	5D
6	Jacob Delp	5K
7	Omeo Meek	5D
8	Travis Barrett	5D
9	Jordan Farmer	5D
10	Kylie Bolam	6C

A massive well done to Skip Volt, who is Number 1 this week!

#### Sporting News

#### Birmingham Panathlon Champions

We are so incredibly proud of our Panathlon team who have managed to retain the Birmingham title for the second year in a row. It has been a pleasure to see how our children have competed with such effort, determination and team spirit! Huge congratulations to all of our Panathletes who have competed this year!



#### Earrings

Can I please remind parents that children are only permitted to wear a small gold stud to school and these need to be removed for PE, in line with our Health and Safety policy. Thank you to all the parents who support school with this policy.

#### Contact Details

If any of your details have changed recently can we please ask that you contact the school office. This could be a change of address, or a change of phone number or perhaps a change in emergency contact details. We will then update our school records accordingly. If you wish to change the names of people on the pick-up list please contact the school office.

#### School Website

Please refer to the website to find out information about the school and events that are taking place in school. It is possible to sync the school calendar to your mobile phone.

#### Parking Arrangements

We have been fortunate to have secured arrangements to use the Mosque car park. The carpark will be open for parents to use from 8.30am until 9.15am each morning and from 2.45pm until 3.45pm every afternoon except Friday. Can we once again stress the importance of using this facility rather than parking on pavements, blocking gates and using the corner of roads. DO NOT USE THE CHURCH CARPARK FOR PARKING.

Once again we have a number of cars that are being parked in such a way that may endanger the lives of children including double parking. The police have issued a number of tickets to drivers and will continue to monitor parking and driving on Bridge Road. If you see anyone parking or driving dangerously you can take a picture and share on the website below.

https://nextbase.co.uk/national-dash-cam-safety-portal/

This can be used to prosecute drivers.

#### Free School Meals

If you feel your child is entitled to free school meals please contact Mrs Kennedy and she will do an online search. This will enable families to access HAF events free of charge during the holidays.

#### Play Equipment

Can I please remind parents that the play equipment is not for use at the end of the day especially by young children. Please keep your children with you and don't allow them to use as we do not have adults to supervise and there is a risk of accidents happening.

#### Early Help Offer

Please remember to visit our Early Help Offer on the school webpage where you will find information about the support we can offer as a school. If at any point you need additional support please see myself, Mrs Banks or any member of our pastoral team.

https://www.rosaryrc.bham.sch.uk/early-helpoffer/

#### Safeguarding

If you have any concerns about a child please contact a member of our safeguarding team. Information can be found on our webpage. <a href="https://www.rosaryrc.bham.sch.uk/safeguarding/">https://www.rosaryrc.bham.sch.uk/safeguarding/</a>

#### My Family Coach

There are times when we all need help with parenting. My Family Coach is a free online service with lots of videos and advice on how to support children at each stage of their development. Please take some time to view the resources available to support with the many challenges of parenting.https://www.myfamilycoach.com/

Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Break up for half term	
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Return to school	
,	Well-being crew	
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Reception Eye Screening	
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 1H trip to Think Tank	
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 1R trip to Think Tank	
,	Transition Workshop for Year 6	
	Football Festival	
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	Phonics Screening week	
,	Visit to Fr Hudson's	
	Well-being crew	
	Book Fair	
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Animal man in Nursery & Reception	
,	Football Match	
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	First Aid Session for Year 6	
,	Meeting for new Reception children	
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Own clothes for chocolate	
,	MAC sports day (selected children only)	
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Refugee Week	
,	Wellbeing crew	
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 5 trip to Bosworth Battlefield	
,	Reception trip to Sheldon Country Park	
	RHE meeting for Reception and Year 1	
	pupils	
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 4 trip to Sheldon Country Park	
·	Meeting for new Nursery children	
	RHE meeting for Year 2 and 3 parents	
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Rosary Panathlon	
	Faith Council visit to St Anne's	
	RHE meeting for Year 4 and 5 parents	
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Own clothes for pop	
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Parent workshop	
	Wellbeing crew	
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	School sports day (Year 1 - 6)	
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Central England Panathlon Final	
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Summer Fayre	
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Transition week	
	Wellbeing crew	
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Year 6 transition day	
	Football tournament	
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Girls Football (Year 5 & 6)	
	Football Tournament	
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Wellbeing crew	

Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 3 trip to Roman Lunt Fort
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 1 trip to Black Country Museum
	Reception and Nursery Sports Day
	Football Tournament
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Wellbeing crew
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Youth Prom
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Break up for Summer holidays



There has been much to celebrate over the last few weeks.

#### Early Years

This half term Reception have held a pray service for Mother Mary, to thank her for saying Yes to God's plan and allowing us to have the gift of Jesus in our lives. Children were proud to crown Our Mary with a crown of red roses during our prayer service. We all presented Mary with a beautiful red rose to show our love and give thanks. We have also worked really hard this month to learn our prayers including the 'Hail Mary' and 'Our Father' and were proud to show the school during Hymn practise how we had learned to sing 'Ave Maria' so beautifully.





This Half Term we have also been working really hard learning about Africa. Paddington bear sent us a postcard from his travels to Africa and we were so excited to learn more. We read Handa's surprise and created our own paintings of a fruit basket just like Handa's. We were able to recall some interesting facts about Africa and enjoyed drawing our own pictures of animals from the savannah.

#### Year 1

During the month of May, Year 1 gathered in prayer to honour Mary, the mother of Jesus, who answered God's call with a faithful and wholehearted "Yes." Inspired by her example, our children have committed to go forth and continue saying "yes" to God's plan in their own lives.

As a community, we've decided to extend this spirit beyond our prayer service. We will share our journey with our families and friends, inviting them to walk with us in love and faith.

#### We will strive to:

Love generously, teaching one another to be kind and helpful, just like the Good Samaritan.

Forgive fully, following the example of the Prodigal Son's father, who welcomed his child with open arms.

May our homes and hearts reflect the grace, compassion, and faithfulness of Mary and the love of Christ she bore into the world.

Let us continue to say "yes" — to God, to love, to mercy.



#### Year 2

Year 2 have been busy getting creative over the last few weeks and have created pinch pots as part of their art and design unit. Year 25 have shared how we can all keep healthy in their assembly this week. Well done to every child, who had learnt their lines by heart and shared the message eloquently and with confidence.





#### Year 3



Year 3 have been learning about Pentecost this week. Jubair has explored the story and symbols of Pentecost and shared his ideas through his beautiful art work.

The pupils in Year 3M have been learning about Pope Leo XIV, sharing their research and prayers in their Catholic Life journals.



#### Year 4

Year 4 have been developing their sports skills in cricket this week. Well done to everyone involved!

#### Year 5

It has been an incredibly busy few weeks in Year 5 with some of the children taking part in a friendship group with Mrs. R, celebrating each other's strengths and sharing the qualities they appreciate. It's been lovely to see their confidence and friendships grow.







The children in Year 5 have been bringing the haunting tale of Alma to life, publishing their final pieces, skillfully weaving figurative language and suspense to grip their readers from start to finish. For some they have being using Clicker to enhance their writing, bringing their ideas to life with even more creativity and confidence.



In computing, the pupils have been learning how to be bloggers. They have turned into brilliant bloggers diving into topics they are passionate about and sharing their research and thoughts with a wider audience!

Year 6

We are all incredibly proud of Year 6 and the hard work and effort they have put into their SATs throughout the year and especially last week. The hard work hasn't stopped with some wonderful learning in Science about the digestive system shared through

creative writing. They have even had some time to relax with a water fight on Thursday afternoon!







Our Pilgrims of Hope journey continues! Over the past few weeks, children have been spreading hope in their communities and recording their acts of kindness in our special journal. >> Well done children!









We were delighted to take part in the One Life online retreat at the start of the term as we celebrated the season of easter. May. It was a wonderful time of prayer and praise and wonderful to hear the classrooms filled with song.

May is an incredibly special month for our community at the Rosary School. It is a time when we reflect on the example set by Mary, her perfect yes to her special vocation. We also come together in prayer and praise to honour our mother, Mary. Over the last few weeks we have come together in prayer as classes, prayed the Rosary during break times and brough flowers to crown Mary during our annual May procession. It was lovely to then deliver the flowers to Fr Hudson's to share kindness in our local community.



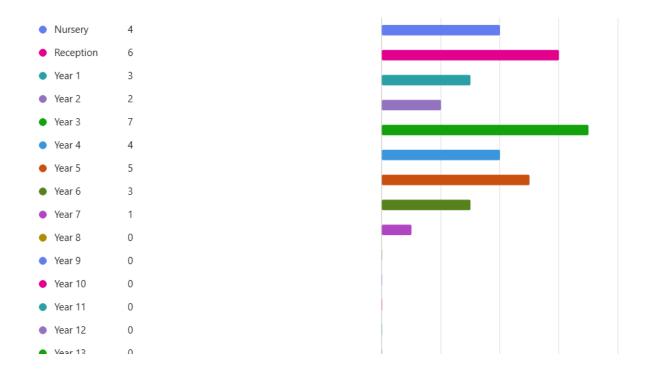




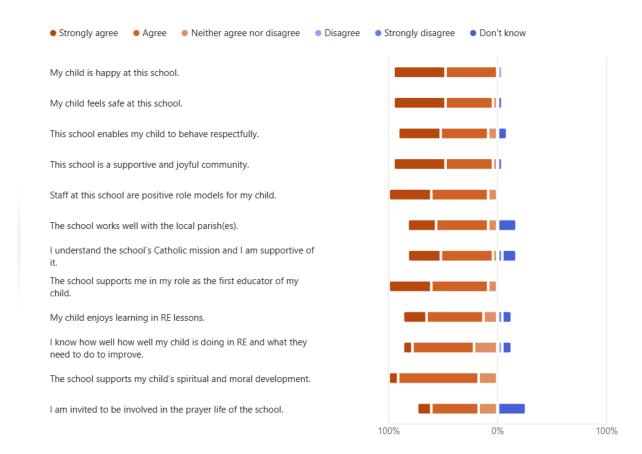
#### Catholic Schools Inspection Questionnaire

As a Catholic School, we are continually looking at how we can improve the Catholic life and prayer life of the school as well as teaching in RE. We recently sent out a questionnaire looking at this specific aspect of school life and are thankful for the responses received. There were a total of 23 responses from parents with children in all year groups.

1. Tick all year groups in which you currently have children



We have carefully analysed your responses and considered how we can best improve the faith life of the school. We are delighted that the vast majority of parents are happy with the spiritual and faith opportunities we provide at the Rosary School but we are looking at addressing how we can better communicate and involve families in the Catholic Life of the school.



#### Next steps

- Personal invites to be sent to parents for class and year group prayer services in addition to the information shared in the newsletters.
- Workshops for 2025 2026 focused on the Catholic Life of the school, with parents having the opportunity to work with their children and teachers.
- Information shared with parents as part of our multi-cultural work including the opportunity to share work.

# **Multiplication tables check**

#### Do you have a child in year 4 at primary school?

If so, your child will be participating in the multiplication tables check (MTC) in June.

The purpose of the check is to determine whether your child can fluently recall their times tables up to 12, which is essential for future success in mathematics. It will also help your child's school to identify if your child may need additional support.

#### What is the multiplication tables check?

It is an on-screen check consisting of 25 times table questions. Your child will be able to answer 3 practice questions before taking the actual check. They will then have 6 seconds to answer each question. On average, the check should take no longer than 5 minutes to complete.

#### What if my child cannot access the check?

There are several access arrangements available for the check, which can be used to support pupils with specific needs. Your child's teacher will ensure that the access arrangements are appropriate for your child before they take the check in June.

The check has been designed to be inclusive and accessible to as many children as possible, including those with special educational needs or disability (SEND) or English as an additional language (EAL). However, there may be some circumstances in which it will not be appropriate for a pupil to take the check, even when using suitable access arrangements.

If you have any concerns about your child accessing the check, you should discuss this with your child's school.

#### Do I need to do anything to prepare my child for the check?

No, you do not need to do anything additional to prepare your child for the check. As part of usual practice, teachers may ask you to practise times tables with your child.

Schools will have unlimited access to a 'try it out' area from April. They can use this to make sure pupils have the necessary support to access the check. This includes opportunities for pupils to familiarise themselves with the check application and try out any access arrangements that may be required.

#### How will the results be used?

Schools will have access to all their pupils' results, to allow them to identify pupils who need additional support.

#### Will I receive feedback on my child's check?

Yes. Your child's teacher will share your child's score with you. There is no pass mark for the check.

#### **Further information**

Your child's teacher will be able to answer any questions about the MTC.

For further details you can also visit www.gov.uk/STA.

Further information about the personal data we collect, process and store for the MTC is available in the department's personal information charter<sup>1</sup>.

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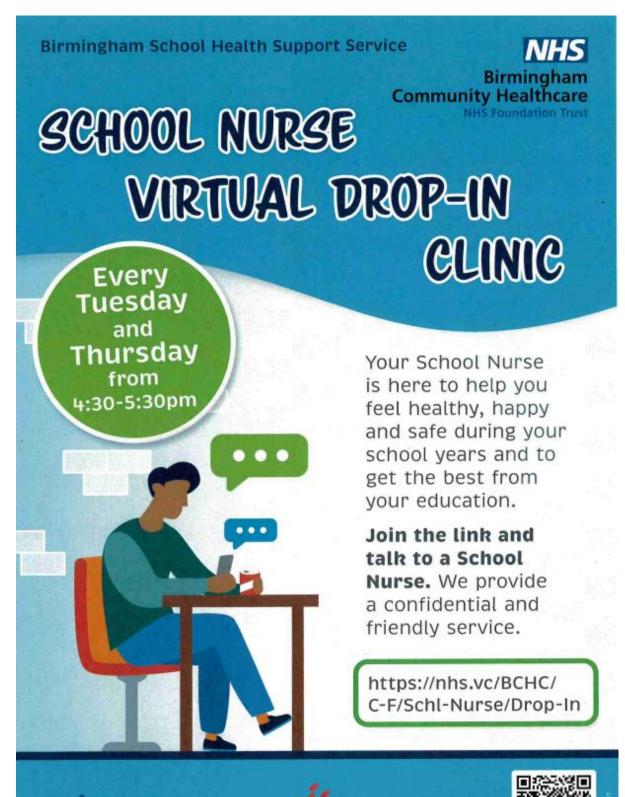
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# Chathealth

Do you know where I can get some health advice?

The School Health
Support Service can
help students with all
kind of things like...

Relationships, mental health, alcohol, bullying, self-harm, smoking, drugs and healthy eating

# Text the School Nurse for confidential advice and support on 07480635485

We do not usually inform your parents, teachers or anyone else if you contact the school nurse. We might inform someone if we were concerned about your safety, but we would usually speak to you first. Your messages are stored and can be seen by other healthcare staff who follow the same confidentiality rules. We aim to reply to you within one working day and you should get an immediate bounce-back to confirm we received your text. Texts will not be seen outside of normal working hours. If you need help before you hear back from us, contact a member of school staff or your doctor. Our text number does not receive voice calls or MMS picture messages. We support messaging from UK mobile numbers only (which does not include messages sent from landlines, international mobile numbers and some 'number masking' mobile apps). Prevent the school nurse from sending messages to you by texting STOP to our number. Please respect your schools mobile phone policy. Messages are charged at your usual rate.



A safe confidential space for Parents/Carers to gain support & guidance from Compass Birmingham.



The drop-in will give you an opportunity to find out more about the support we can offer and have your questions answered.



# When?

Every Tuesday 11-12:30pm (8th October- 17th December 2024)

# Where?

Sessions will be online and and you can access it by scanning the QR code.

Please note: Time will be allocated on a first come first serve basis. You will be asked to wait but please know that the practitioner will be aware and will let you in as soon as its your turn.





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